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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Leonard R. Leo	3744

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 3-8,10-12,20,23,26,28,29,31 and 33-38 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,10,20,23,29,31 and 35 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 3-8,10-12,20,23,26,28,29,31 and 33-38 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 22, 2007 has been entered.

Claims 1 and 32 are cancelled, claims 3-8, 10-12, 20, 23, 26, 28-29, 31 and 33-38 are pending, and claims 4, 10, 20, 23, 29, 31 and 35 remain withdrawn from further consideration. Applicant is reminded to include the proper claim identifier with respect to the *withdrawn* claims, even though the claims may be amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 11, 20, 26, 34, 36 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Steenstrup. Regarding claim 5, Figure 2 discloses fins 25 having fin segments spaced apart at regular intervals. Regarding claims 8 and 36, Figure 2 discloses helical conduit 21 is circular shaped. Regarding claim 11 and 26, Figure 1 discloses fin segments have a plurality of openings or slots along the edge thereof corresponding to the number of loops of the

helical conduit 21. Regarding claim 34, the device of Steenstrup structurally meets the claim limitations. See MPEP 2114.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6, 12 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steenstrup in view of Ares.

Steenstrup discloses all the claimed limitations except a blower within the core.

Ares discloses a heat exchanger comprising a core 16a, 16b having regularly spaced apart fin segments 20a, 20b and blower 44 disposed within the core for the purpose of increasing airflow to improve heat exchange.

Since Steenstrup and Ares are both from the same field of endeavor and/or analogous art, the purpose disclosed by Ares would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Steenstrup.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to employ in Steenstrup a blower disposed within the core for the purpose of increasing airflow to improve heat exchange as recognized by Ares.

Regarding claim 12, Figure 6 of Ares discloses collars 52 defining through-holes in the fin segments 20a, 20b.

Claims 7 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steenstrup et al in view of Dailey.

The device of Steenstrup et al lacks a blower around the core.

Dailey discloses a heat exchanger comprising a core 62 and blower 50 disposed around the core for the purpose of increasing airflow to improve heat exchange.

Since Steenstrup et al and Dailey are both from the same field of endeavor and/or analogous art, the purpose disclosed by Dailey would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Steenstrup et al.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to employ in Steenstrup et al a blower disposed around the core for the purpose of increasing airflow to improve heat exchange as recognized by Dailey.

Claims 33 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steenstrup in view of Fieni or Scholl.

The device of Steenstrup lacks the conduit having a non-circular cross-section.

Fieni discloses a heat exchanger comprising a plurality of fins 10 having through-holes 11 receiving conduits 17 having a circular or oval cross-section (column 2, lines 57-58) for the purpose of achieving a desired heat exchange.

Scholl discloses a heat exchanger comprising a plurality of fins 1 having through-holes 27 receiving conduits 30-32 having a circular, drop-shaped or elliptical cross-section (Figures 9-11) for the purpose of achieving a desired heat exchange.

Since Steenstrup and Fieni or Scholl are both from the same field of endeavor and/or analogous art, the purpose disclosed by Fieni or Scholl would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Steenstrup.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to employ in Steenstrup a conduit having a non-circular cross-section for the purpose of achieving a desired heat exchange as recognized by Fieni or Scholl. As clearly demonstrated by the prior art, conduits of various geometric cross-sections are obvious variants of one another.

Response to Arguments

The rejection of claims 32 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of claim 32 and the amendment to claim 37.

The rejections in view of Nelson et al and Newman (2,029,890) are withdrawn in view of the claim amendments.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

No further comments are deemed necessary at this time.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonard R. Leo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on (571) 272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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